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## Senate Concurrent Resolution

**No. 34**

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**Introduced by Senator Ducheny  
(Coauthor: Senator Padilla)**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Relative to Extended  
Opportunity Programs and Services Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 34, as amended, Ducheny. Community colleges: extended  
opportunity programs.

This measure would designate the month of October 2009 as Extended  
Opportunity Programs and Services Month to honor the mission and  
purposes of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services ~~through  
the celebration and coordination of activities that advance educational  
equity principles.~~

Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-no.

1 WHEREAS, In the California Community Colleges system the  
2 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) was  
3 established in 1969 to initiate access and retention efforts for  
4 first-generation, low-income, educationally disadvantaged, and  
5 historically underrepresented students; and

6 WHEREAS, EOPS has served over 2,500,000 students at 110  
7 campuses of the California Community Colleges, and these

1 students have made a positive impact on the business, economic,  
2 educational, and cultural fabric of the State of California; and

3 WHEREAS, EOPS provides academic and transitional support  
4 services for nearly 110,000 students, and these services ensure  
5 educational access and justice, financial and academic support,  
6 opportunities to attain a college degree, and strategies that enable  
7 community college students to transfer to baccalaureate institutions;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, EOPS has provided dynamic and innovative  
10 services in early outreach programs serving hundreds of thousands  
11 of potential EOPS applicants and summer bridge learning  
12 communities, and community building efforts that retain program  
13 students who impact the larger campus communities; and

14 WHEREAS, The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education  
15 (CARE) Program was added in 1982 to expand services for  
16 welfare-dependent, single-parent EOPS students, and CARE has  
17 provided higher education access and supportive services, such as  
18 counseling, book services, tutoring, peer support, child care,  
19 transportation, school supplies, classes, and other activities  
20 addressing the special needs of 160,000 low-income, single-parent  
21 students; and

22 WHEREAS, EOPS and CARE are successful programs that  
23 bring hope, vision, guidance, and activism to underserved  
24 communities, that heighten the awareness of educational pathways  
25 and sociocultural opportunities, and that invest in developing the  
26 leaders of tomorrow; and

27 WHEREAS, EOPS trains, develops, and produces expertise in  
28 faculty and staff, thus enhancing the quality of services,  
29 organizational structures, and research on low-income,  
30 first-generation, and historically underrepresented students; and

31 WHEREAS, EOPS has successfully developed local partnerships  
32 among community-based organizations, public agencies, legislative  
33 institutions, universities, and kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,  
34 inclusive, public school systems; and

35 WHEREAS, EOPS ensures a diverse and representative voice  
36 for thousands of community members whose goal is to participate  
37 in, and enrich, the public education of California; now, therefore,  
38 be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
40 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby expresses its

1 congratulations and appreciation to the California Community  
2 Colleges Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, for its  
3 historic and continued success in realizing the intent of landmark  
4 legislation, and the vision of the California Master Plan for Higher  
5 Education, in attaining educational equity goals and objectives;  
6 and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares October 2009 as  
8 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month to honor the  
9 mission and purposes of the Extended Opportunity Programs and  
10 Services ~~through the celebration and coordination of activities that~~  
11 ~~advance educational equity principles~~; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
13 this resolution to the governing board of each community college  
14 district in the state.